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Imaam As-Sa'dee on How to Obtain 'Ilm that "La illaaha il Allaah."

Source: Tayseer Al-Kareem Al-Mannan fee Tafseer Kalaam Ar-Rahman by Imaam As-Sa'dee (*rahimahullaah*) (p. 731-732)

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Shaikh 'Ubaid al-Jabiree (*hafidhahullaah*) relayed in his explanation of **Three Fundamental Principles (p. 52-53)**¹ that Imaam As-Sa'dee (*rahimahullaah*) cited eight different ways in his tafseer on how to obtain the knowledge that "La illaaha il Allaah" (none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah).

1- And this is the greatest of them, to contemplate upon the Names and Attributes of Allaah, and His actions that show His perfectness, greatness and magnificence. This causes a person to exert himself in devotion to Allaah and worshipping the Perfect Lord, to Whom is all praise, glorification, beauty and majesty.

2- Knowing that Allaah is the sole Creator and disposer of affairs requires (that a person) also know that Allaah is solely deserving of worship.

3- Knowing that Allaah alone bestows all blessings - hidden and apparent, worldly and religious - necessitates that his heart loves and becomes attached to Allaah, and the he worship Allaah alone without any partners.

4- The reward, victory and apparent favors that we hear and see that Allaah grants His Awliyya who single out Allaah with everything that is specific to Him; and the punishment that He sends upon His enemies who associate partners with Him. This clearly calls to the fact that only He, the Most High, deserves all worship.

¹ We encourage everyone to purchase Shaikh 'Ubaid al-Jabiree's (*hafidhahullaah*) explanation of Three Fundamental Principles (published by our brothers from Salafi Publications), so as to benefit themselves and their families from its content.

5- Knowing the characteristics of the idols, statues and partners that are worshipped besides Allaah and have been taken as gods, and that they are deficient from all angles and are needy themselves.

They have no power to harm or benefit themselves or those who worship them. They have no power of causing death or giving life, or raising the dead. They have no ability to make those who worship them victorious, and they cannot benefit them even with an atom seed, whether it is bringing about good or repelling evil.

Knowledge of this necessitates that a person know that "La illaaha il Allaah," and it attests that the divinity of those worshipped besides Him is false and futile.

6- All the Books of Allaah are in agreement and conformity about this.

7- The finest of the creation - and these are the Messengers, Prophets and upright scholars who have the best manners, intellect, understanding, knowledge and opinions - all testify to this.

8- The evidences that Allaah has established both "Ufuqiyah" and "Nafsiyah" prove and proclaim in the greatest fashion that Allaah should be singled out with all worship, as He has made visible His fine work, amazing wisdom and marvelous creation.

